


In the event any outstanding issues remain in the application, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call from the Examiner to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner and place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

32. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing a food product wherein a polypeptide according to claim 9 [or the microbial cell according to claim 29] is used.

36. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing an animal feed wherein the polypeptide according to claim 9 [or a microbial cell according to claim 29] is used.

38. (Once Amended) A method of reducing the sugar content of a food product, comprising adding to said product an amount of the polypeptide according to claim 9 [or a microbial cell according to claim 29] which is sufficient to remove at least part of the sugar initially present in said food product.

39. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing a product selected from the group consisting of a pharmaceutical product, a cosmetic and a tooth care product wherein a polypeptide according to claim 9 [or microbial cell according to claim 29] is used.

40. (Once Amended) A method of preparing a baked product from a dough, comprising adding the polypeptide according to claim 9 [or the microbial cell according to claims 29 capable of expressing such a polypeptide to the dough].

41. (Once Amended) A dough improving composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim 9 [or a microbial cell according to claims 29 capable of expressing such a polypeptide in dough], and at least one conventional dough component.

43. (Once Amended) A method of analyzing the content of a sugar in a sample wherein the polypeptide according to claim 9 [or the microbial cell according to claims 29] is used as an analytical reagent.

44. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing a lactone using a polypeptide according to claim 9 [or a microbial cell according to claims 29], said method comprising applying the polypeptide and/or the microbial cell to a reactor containing a carbohydrate which can be oxidized by the polypeptide and operating the reactor under conditions where the carbohydrate is oxidized to a lactone.

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